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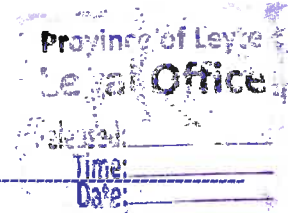
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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN



PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE



2nd INDORSEMENT

May 6, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 25-12 series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte.

Issues/concerns for review/recommendation/legal opinion is/are as follows:

- Ordinance No. 25-12 series of 2025 entitled: “**Burauen Child Protection Ordinance.**”

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Section 447(a)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in consonance with P.D. 603² and, R.A. 7610³. Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer

¹ (a) The sangguniang bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the municipality as provided for under Section 22 of this Code,


² “**THE CHILD AND YOUTH WELFARE CODE**”

³ “**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STRONGER DETERRENCE AND SPECIAL PROTECTION AGAINST CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**”

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
02 May 2025

Province of Leyte
Legal Office
Received: 
Date: 5.2.25

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 25-12, series of 2025**, of the **Municipality of Burauen, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance adopting the Child Protection Policy of the Municipality of Burauen, providing for its implementation and penalizing violations thereof.**


FLORINDA JILLS UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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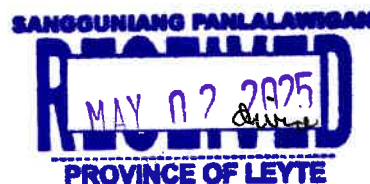


OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

May 2, 2025

THE HONORABLE MEMBERS
Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte

ATTENTION: FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Province of Leyte
Palo, Leyte



Ladies/Gentlemen:

We transmit herewith 15 copies of **Municipal Ordinance No. 25-12**, Series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte, entitled "***An Ordinance Adopting the Child Protection Policy of the Municipality of Burauen, Providing for its Implementation, and Penalizing Violations Thereof***", for review and approval of the body.

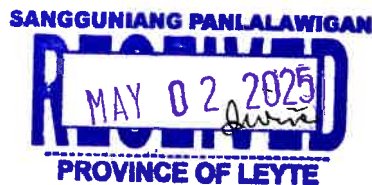
Thank you and please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Respectfully yours,


ATTY. RUDEJANE S. TAN
Secretary to the Sanggunian



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Leyte
Municipality of Burauen



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 25-12

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CHILD PROTECTION POLICY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURAUEN, PROVIDING FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND PENALIZING VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Introduced by Hon. Cipriano R. Relatorres, Jr.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Burauen recognizes the safety, security, and protection of children as paramount considerations in all matters affecting their welfare;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Burauen upholds the rights of children as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), the 1987 Philippine Constitution, and relevant national laws such as Republic Act No. 7610, Republic Act No. 9775, and other applicable statutes;

WHEREAS, there is a need to institutionalize the Child Protection Policy (CPP) of the Municipality of Burauen to ensure its effective implementation and provide clear guidelines and penalties for violations;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Burauen, in session duly assembled:

Section 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Burauen Child Protection Ordinance".

Section 2. OBJECTIVES

- To ensure the protection of children from all forms of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and discrimination.
- To establish a safe and child-friendly environment in all institutions and establishments within the municipality.
- To promote awareness and education on child rights and protection policies among stakeholders, including parents, teachers, government employees, and business owners.
- To strengthen mechanisms for reporting, monitoring, and responding to child protection cases.
- To institutionalize policies that uphold the best interest of the child in all actions and decisions affecting them.

Section 3. POLICY STATEMENT

The Municipality of Burauen is committed to ensuring the safety, dignity, and well-being of all children. It shall enforce policies and programs that promote children's rights and protect them from harm. The Local Government Unit, in collaboration with relevant agencies and stakeholders, shall implement preventive, protective, and rehabilitative measures to safeguard children's welfare.

Section 4. SCOPE AND COVERAGE

This Ordinance shall apply to all government offices, private establishments, educational institutions, health facilities, tourism sites, evacuation centers, and any other entity operating within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Burauen.

*Municipal Ordinance No. 25-12, Series of 2025; March 17, 2025
"Burauen Child Protection Ordinance"*

Section 5. DEFINITION OF TERMS

The following terms are defined for the purpose of this policy:

- a. **Child**- refers to a person below eighteen (18) years of age, or one who is 18 or over but is unable to take care of or protect himself/herself from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition.
- b. **Child Abuse**- refers to maltreatment of a child, whether habitual or not, which includes any of the following:
 1. Psychological or physical abuse, neglect, cruelty, sexual abuse and emotional maltreatment;
 2. Any act by deeds or words which debases, degrades, or demeans the intrinsic worth and dignity of a child as a human being;
 3. Unreasonable deprivation of the child's basic needs for survival, such as food and shelter; or
 4. Failure to immediately give medical treatment to an injured child resulting in serious impairment of his or her growth and development or in the child's permanent incapacity or death (Sec. 3 [b], RA 7610).
- c. **Child Exploitation**- refers to the use of children for someone else's advantage, gratification of profit often resulting in an unjust, cruel and harmful treatment of the child. These activities disrupt the child's normal physical or mental health, education, moral or social emotional development. It covers situations of manipulation, misuse, abuse, victimization, oppression or ill-treatment.
- d. **Child Pornography**-refers to any representation, whether visual, audio or written communication thereof, by electronic, mechanical, digital, optical, magnetic or any other means, of a child engaged or involved in real or simulated explicated sexual activities.
- e. **Child Protection Policy**- is an articulation of the commitment of the organization or agency on the promotion and fulfillment of the right of the child to protection as enriched in the United Nations Convention on the Right of the Child. It aims to safeguard the child from all forms of abuse, violence and exploitation that may be perpetuated by adults or persons in authority. It expresses the agency's shared values, principles and beliefs.
- f. **Corporal Punishment**- refers to an act or acts which involve physical force and humiliating or degrading acts imposed upon a child as punishment for an alleged or actual offense inflicted by an adult or by another child, who has been given or has assumed authority or responsibility for punishment or disciplined. It includes physical, humiliating or degrading forms of punishment such as:
 1. Blows including beating, kicking, slapping, lashing on any part of a child's body, with or without the use of an instrument such as cane, broom, stick, whip or belt;
 2. Pulling hair, shaking, twisting joints, cutting or piercing skin, dragging or throwing a child.
 3. Forcing a child through the use of power, Authority or threats to perform physically painful or damaging acts such holding a weight for an extended period, kneeling on stones, salt or pebbles.
 4. Refusal to provide the child's physical needs
 5. Use of or exposure to substance that can cause discomfort or threaten the child's health including fire, ice, water, smoke, pepper, alcohol, or dangerous chemicals such as bleach or insecticides, excrement of urine.
 6. Typing up of a child
 7. Imprisoning of a child
 8. Verbal abuse, or assault including intimidation or threat of bodily harm, swearing or cursing, ridiculing or denigrating the child;
- g. **Private establishments** - refer to privately owned or managed businesses and facilities that provide goods, services, or accommodations to the public. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. **24-hour stores/establishments:** Businesses that operate round the clock, providing goods or services to customers at any time.
 2. **Boarding houses, inns, and hotels:** Establishments that offer short-term or long-term lodging accommodations to individuals.
 3. **Internet cafés, computer rental shops, and other computer-related establishments:** Businesses providing internet access or computer rental services to customers, typically on a pay-per-use basis.
- h. **Tourism Amenities** - are services and facilities that make a destination more comfortable and convenient for tourists. They can include:
1. **Basic facilities:** Access to public restrooms, safe drinking water, roads, sidewalks, and emergency services
 2. **Connectivity:** Wi-Fi access
 3. **Pools:** Swimming pools for relaxation and recreation
 4. **Spa services:** Relaxation and wellness services
 5. **Guided tours:** Educational and cultural experiences
 6. **Activities:** Activities like hiking, biking, and trekking
 7. **School Premise** – learning institution whether public/private assisting and facilitating the Early Childhood Development

Section 7. CODE OF CONDUCT

The following standards of conduct shall be observed by all personnel and individuals engaged with children in the context of the following centers and services:

a. Women and Children Crisis Center

1. Involve children in decisions affecting them, considering their evolving capacities.
2. Use a positive discipline and prohibit corporal punishment.
3. Respect children's religious beliefs and practices when involving them in activities.
4. Prohibit children's participation in sexually provocative performances or presentations.
5. Do not require children to perform tasks beyond their physical capabilities.
6. Do not expose children to violent content or pornographic materials in any form, including electronic media.
7. Ensure visitors, service providers, interns, volunteers, and researchers treat children with dignity and respect.
8. Adhere to media guidelines when interviewing child victims of abuse and exploitation.
9. Avoid using derogatory or offensive language when interacting with children.
10. Address bullying incidents with timely and appropriate intervention.
11. Prioritize children's immediate needs and concerns.
12. Provide immediate and appropriate intervention for children or children experiencing harassment or abuse.
13. Conduct interviews with children in a non-threatening, friendly manner, avoiding assumptions or coercion.

b. Evacuation Center/Camps

1. Implement preemptive measures prioritizing children's welfare.
2. Maintain cleanliness within the evacuation center to safeguard children's health.
3. Establish proper reporting guidelines per barangay, using age- and sex-disaggregated data to assess affected children accurately.
4. Prohibit smoking, vaping, and alcohol consumption within and around evacuation centers.
5. Implement proper waste segregation and disposal.
6. Prevent bullying and physical altercations within the evacuation area.
7. Do not allow pets inside the evacuation center; provide a designated pet area outside for safety and hygiene.
8. Ensure the availability of urinals and toilets for young children.
9. Use respectful language and avoid vulgar or offensive remarks in the presence of children.
10. Prioritize children's needs, especially during disasters and resource shortages.

11. Require volunteers, media personnel, and service providers to adhere to child protection policies.
12. Prohibit photographing children in dehumanizing conditions or using such images for fundraising.
13. Provide a designated breastfeeding area for lactating mothers.
14. Comply with Executive Order No. 51 (Philippine Milk Code of 1986) in regulating breastmilk substitutes and supplements.

c. **Early Childhood Care and Development Centers**

1. Refrain from comparing children's developmental progress.
2. Do not force children to participate in religious or other activities without parental consent.
3. Use positive reinforcement instead of harsh words or actions.
4. Do not involve children in sexually provocative performances.
5. Avoid exposing children to violent or pornographic content.
6. Prevent parents, guardians, or any accompanying individuals from engaging in inappropriate behavior towards other beneficiaries or inciting conflicts among children in the center.

d. **Government Offices**

1. Ensure children's safety within government premises.
2. Prevent children from roaming around government premises without a valid purpose.
3. Do not assign physically demanding tasks to children or those beyond their capabilities.
4. Establish a child-minding center for employees' children.

e. **Tourism Sites**

1. Prohibit unaccompanied children from entering hotels, resorts, and other tourism amenities.
2. Ensure the availability of trained lifeguards at all times.
3. Protect children from malicious and sexual exploitation.
4. Require resort and hotel workers to undergo training on identifying human traffickers and sexual abusers "lurking" on the premises.
5. Post emergency hotlines prominently for easy visibility.
6. Prohibit serving liquor to minors in hotels, resorts, and other tourism amenities.
7. Employ licensed security guards to enhance security for guests and visitors.

f. **School Premises**

1. Promote the health and welfare of children by ensuring their safe participation in school activities.
2. Prevent any form of quarreling, bullying, teasing, fighting, or complicity in misconduct among students within the school campus.
3. Prohibit romantic or illicit relationships between school personnel and students.
4. Require students to seek permission before leaving class.
5. Prohibit corporal punishment as a method of discipline.
6. Provide appropriate and non-discriminatory interventions to children with special needs.
7. Do not release children into the custody of strangers, unfamiliar individuals, or those with questionable identities.
8. Avoid shaming or embarrassing children due to their academic performance.
9. Ensure the School-Parent-Teacher Association (SPTA) coordinates with local internet cafés or shops to prevent student access during class hours.
10. Ensure that school guards regularly inspect students' bags to prevent harmful or dangerous items from being brought onto school grounds.
11. Prohibit students under the influence of alcohol from entering school premises.
12. Ensure that teachers, administrators, or school security personnel are the last to leave the school, to confirm that no students are left behind.

13. Do not allow learners to leave during class hours; they may only leave during dismissal.
14. Do not allow students to loiter at the public plaza, church, Mary Park, cemetery, or similar locations during class hours.
15. Do not allow students to enter or remain on school grounds after 6 pm unless permitted by both the school and their parents, and only for a valid purpose.
16. Do not allow students to wait near the roadside when the school gate is closed, unless supervised by school personnel or appropriate authorities overseeing traffic management.

g. **Philippine National Police (PNP)**

1. Uphold and observe the right to protection of children, particularly those who are in need of special protection, such as Children At Risk (CAR), Children In Conflict with the Law (CICL), and Children Involved in Armed Conflict (CIAC).
2. Train personnel on Integrated Care Management Protocols for handling CAR, CICL, and CIAC.
3. Abide by child protection policies during rescue and handling operations.
4. Limit Women and Children Protection Desk (WCPD) custody of children to 8 hours per RA 9344 (Juvenile Justice and Welfare System Act)
5. Do not detain children for more than 36 hours.
6. Notify parents or guardians within 24 hours of taking custody of a child.
7. Refer children to appropriate agencies for further case management.
8. Prohibit the use of handcuffs or torture against children.
9. Ensure no discrimination against children with disabilities.
10. Prohibit PNP personnel from using violence, force, intimidation, or undue influence to coerce children into disclosing information.
11. Prohibit placing children in PNP lock-up or detention cells.
12. Protect the child from media exposure (such as interviews or video coverage) when a CAR is rescued, a CICL is apprehended, or a child victim is reporting a crime, ensuring their privacy and safety.
13. Ensure the confidentiality of child information to protect their privacy and safety.
14. Use non-patrol vehicles for child rescues to minimize trauma.

h. **Violence Against Women and Their Children Desks**

1. Uphold the rights of women and their children and ensure their needs are met.
2. Ensure the safety of women and their children.
3. Ensure the confidentiality of women and their families.
4. Empower survivors to make informed decisions regarding potential interventions.
5. Treat victims with dignity and without judgment.
6. Facilitate the application for Barangay Protection Orders.
7. Prohibit forced confrontation between survivors and perpetrators.
8. Refer cases to appropriate agencies for further assistance.

i. **Private Establishments**

General Provisions for Private Establishments

1. Prohibit the sale of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and alcohol to minors, in accordance with Municipal Ordinance No. 2019-251-70.
2. Prominently display clear signage—using a template provided by the LGU—prohibiting the sale of alcohol, cigarettes, and vape products to minors, as well as stating that minors are not permitted to enter between 10:00 PM and 4:00 AM unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Access to Internet

3. Regulate Wi-Fi access beyond 10:00 PM and before 4:00 AM.
4. Prohibit minors from entering internet cafés between 10:00 PM and 4:00 AM.
5. Restrict minors from entering internet cafés or computer rental shops during school hours (7:00 AM - 5:00 PM), unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
6. Prohibit minors from entering internet cafés while wearing school uniforms.

7. Display schedules for computer use by minors aged 15 years and older in internet cafes or computer shops.
8. Provide a "lock-out" or computer-disabling feature for minors.
9. Ensure that children under 15 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult when visiting internet cafes or computer rental shops.
10. Ensure protection of minors from harmful content while using the internet.

Prevention of Abuse, Neglect, and Offenses:

11. Prohibit minors from entering the establishments between 10:00 PM and 4:00 AM.
12. Ensure that minors are not employed unless they have a work permit issued by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).
13. Ensure minors are not subjected to handcuffing or torture for alleged offenses like theft or robbery.
14. Ensure fair treatment of minors during transactions, applying appropriate sanctions when necessary.
15. Prevent any form of bullying, harassment, violence, or abuse within the establishment.
16. Ensure that minors 15 and below are accompanied by a guardian, adult family member, or another trusted adult authorized by the guardian, when entering the establishment between 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM.
17. Prevent minor tenants of boarding houses/inns from leaving the premises between 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM, unless accompanied by a guardian, adult family member or another trusted adult authorized by the guardian.
18. Take responsibility for the care and supervision of minor tenants in boarding houses.
19. Act as the guardian of minor tenants within the boarding house.
20. Ensure that minors are not allowed to check into hotels/inns without an adult guardian, family member, or another trusted adult authorized by the guardian.
21. Ensure the safety of children on the premises and immediately contact the police if there is any immediate danger.
22. Prohibit gambling within the establishment.
23. Report children suspected of being victims of abuse, neglect, or involved in harmful behavior to the MSWDO.
24. Refer child mendicants, children engaged in misbehavior or harmful acts, or children alleged to be victims of abuse to the MSWDO for proper intervention.
25. Post emergency hotlines visibly in all private establishments for immediate assistance.

j. **Health Facilities**

1. Establish smoke-free zones within healthcare facilities to protect children from harmful substances in cigarettes, and prohibit vaping inside the premises.
2. Ensure that children are accompanied by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult when entering the healthcare facility.
3. Refer children to a higher-level facility or another physician if their condition is the doctor's expertise or requires specialized care.
4. Administer immediate medical treatment to children with utmost care and protection, regardless of their race, culture, gender, or religious beliefs.
5. Ensure that Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is worn when exposed to substances such as chemicals, infectious agents, drugs, or physical hazards within and around the healthcare facility, to protect children at home.
6. Prohibit home births; deliveries must occur in healthcare facilities.
7. Ensure equal treatment of all children, regardless of their education, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or physical and mental condition.
8. Refer children to the appropriate agencies or authorities for further case management.
9. Maintain vaccination and dental records in a database.
10. Do not use violence or coercion on children refusing medical treatment; instead, explain to the child that the healthcare facility is a safe space, and that doctors and nurses are there to help them feel better.
11. Encourage children to bring comfort items to hospitals.

12. Require an adult guardian to stay with hospitalized children and not leave them alone.
13. Provide immediate emergency care to children in life-threatening conditions, regardless of whether their parents can be contacted.
14. Be patient when caring for the child and never rush nursing care.
15. Encourage children to speak up and voice their concerns when they feel unsafe or uncomfortable, and actively listen to their views.
16. Ensure the security of children in the healthcare facility as a shared responsibility.
17. Comply with RA 10028 (Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act), which mandates all establishments, public or private, whether operating for profit or not, to support breastfeeding in the workplace.

Section 8. PROHIBITED ACTS

The following acts are prohibited within the Municipality of Burauen and shall be subject to penalties as provided in this ordinance:

- a. **Child Abuse:** Any act constituting child abuse as defined in Section 5(b) of this ordinance.
- b. **Child Exploitation:** Any act constituting child exploitation as defined in Section 5(c) of this ordinance.
- c. **Child Pornography:** Any act constituting child pornography as defined in Section 5(d) of this ordinance.
- d. **Corporal Punishment:** Infliction of corporal punishment as defined in Section 5(f) of this ordinance.
- e. **Violation of Code of Conduct:** Failure to adhere to the Code of Conduct outlined in Section 7 of this ordinance by any individual or entity within the specified locations. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - i. Exposing children to inappropriate content.
 - ii. Discrimination against children.
 - iii. Failure to report suspected child abuse or exploitation.
 - iv. Violation of specific provisions related to private establishments, such as selling prohibited items to minors or failing to supervise minors in internet cafes.
 - v. Violation of provisions related to health facilities, such as refusing emergency care or neglecting a child's needs.
- f. **Failure to Implement CPP:** Failure of private establishments to adopt the existing Child Protection Policy (CPP) as required by Section 6 of this Ordinance.
- g. **Obstruction of CPP Implementation:** Any act that hinders or obstructs the implementation of this ordinance or the Child Protection Policy. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - i. Intimidation or retaliation against individuals reporting child protection violations.
 - ii. Failure to cooperate with investigations conducted by authorities.
 - iii. Deliberate concealment of information related to child abuse or exploitation

Section 9. PENALTIES

The following penalties shall be imposed for violations of this ordinance:

- a. **For Individuals and/or Private Establishments**
 - i. **First Offense:** A fine of One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00), shall be imposed.

- ii. **Second Offense:** A fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱1,500.00) shall be imposed.
- iii. **Third and Subsequent Offenses:** A fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱2,500.00).
- iv. **Serious Violations:** In cases where a violation results in harm or injury to a child or any other individual, the violator shall face six (6) months imprisonment, in addition to any other applicable penalties as under national law, subject to legal limitations.

In cases involving corporations or other juridical entities, the officers and directors responsible for the violation shall be held personally liable.

b. For Government Employees

Violations of this ordinance by government employees shall be subject to the penalties provided under existing Civil Service rules and regulations, without prejudice to any criminal liability that may arise from relevant national laws. This may include administrative sanctions such as suspension, demotion, or dismissal, as well as potential criminal prosecution.

Section 10. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

- a. **Guideline Development and Integration:** Concerned offices shall develop and integrate necessary guidelines to ensure adherence to this Child Protection Policy. These guidelines will be incorporated into existing relevant procedures and protocols.
- b. **Policy Dissemination:** Printed copies of this Child Protection Policy shall be prominently displayed in conspicuous locations throughout the Local Government Unit's facilities and offices. This will ensure accessibility and awareness of the policy for all stakeholders.
- c. **Oversight and Compliance:** The Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC) is responsible for overseeing the implementation and monitoring compliance with this Ordinance, including the development and integration of the guidelines mentioned in Section 10(a) hereof. The MCPC will establish mechanisms for monitoring, evaluation, and reporting on the effectiveness of this policy.

Section 11. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE


This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and compliance with publication and posting requirements.

ENACTED AND APPROVED, March 17, 2025.


CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTY. RUDEJANE S. TAN
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


HON. NOEL P. ALPINO
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer


(absent)
HON. VINCENT G. ENERLAN
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. CIPRIANO R. RELATORRES, JR.
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. HERMENIA C. CAMASIN
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. BRYAN R. CINCO
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. DEXTER R. SENO
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. ROBERT G. DEL PILAR
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. EVAFLA A. CORAL
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. OSCAR A. CAGARA
Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. FE S. RENOMERON
LnB President/ Ex-Officio SB Member

(absent)
HON. JUSTINE MERP G. ANDRADE
SK Federation President/ Ex-Officio Member

APPROVED:

HON. JUANITO E. RENOMERON
Municipal Mayor





Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
MUNICIPALITY OF BURAUEN



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNANG BAYAN

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a Public Hearing for **Municipal Ordinance No. 25-12, Series of 2025** of the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte, entitled “*An Ordinance Adopting the Child Protection Policy of the Municipality of Burauen, Providing For Its Implementation, and Penalizing Violations Thereof*”, was conducted on **March 13, 2025, 9:30** in the morning at the Burauen Community Center, Burauen, Leyte.

Burauen, Leyte, April 14, 2025.


ATTY. RUDEJANE S. TAN
Secretary to the Sanggunian



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON SEVEN (7) PROPOSED ORDINANCES,
HELD AT THE BURAUEN COMMUNITY CENTER ON MARCH 13, 2025**

Present:

Hon Vincent G. Enerlan	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Cipriano R. Relatorres, Jr.	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Hermenia C. Camasin	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Oscar A. Cagara	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Fe S. Renomeron	LnB President/ Ex-Officio Sangguniang Bayan Member

I. PRAYER & NATIONAL ANTHEM

- The public hearing commenced with an invocation followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

II. BURAUEN HYMN

- The singing of the Burauen Hymn ensued.

III. CALL TO ORDER

- Hon. Cipriano R. Relatorres was selected by the Sangguniang Bayan members present to preside over the public hearing.
- The public hearing was called to order at around 9:30 o'clock in the morning.

IV. READING OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 25-09: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE BURAUEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THEIR IMPOSITION, COLLECTION, AND UTILIZATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**
 - Hon. Cipriano R. Relatorres, Jr., Chairperson of the Committee on Education, read the "whereas" clauses and sections of Proposed Ordinance No. 25-09.
 - Following this, Mayor Juanito E. Renomeron shared that there is an issue proliferating among local universities and colleges concerning "ghost students".
 - The discussion then shifted to graduation ceremony fees. Hon. Relatorres clarified that the graduation ceremony fees cover expenses associated with organizing the graduation ceremony, which is not covered by UNIFAST.

- 57 - Thereafter, members from BCC's student council raised concerns about the vehicle
58 access fees, deeming the 50 and 100 peso fees too burdensome for students.
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- 60 - Mrs. Alvira Arias, a representative from the Municipal Planning and Development
61 Office, clarified that the fees set forth in the proposed ordinance, include vehicle
62 passes, were rationalized based on guidelines issued by the BLGF. All costs
63 involved with the items or services rendered are taken into account.
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- 65 2. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 25-02: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING**
66 **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11361 OR THE "ANTI-OBSTRUCTION OF POWER**
67 **LINES ACT"** AND FURTHER STRENGTHENING IMPLEMENTATION IN
68 **THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURAUEN, LEYTE.**
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- 70 - Hon. Cipriano R. Relatorres, Jr., Chairperson of the Committee on Public Utilities,
71 read the "whereas clauses" and sections of Proposed Ordinance No. 25-02.
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- 73 - Engr. Melben Abrera explained that a lack of widespread dissemination of certain
74 national policies prompted him, along with colleagues from DORELCO, Atty.
75 Myreljoy Martinez and Mr. Rex Cabus, to request the passage of this ordinance and
76 to participate in the public hearing to ensure barangay officials were properly
77 informed of the provision of RA 11361.
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- 79 - Engr. Abrera stressed the critical importance of maintaining clear power lines, free
80 from obstructions and debris, to prevent fires. He informed the council that 70% of
81 brownouts result from such obstructions, and their removal would significantly
82 minimize power outages.
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- 84 - Hon. Relatorres then clarified that Republic Act 11361 stipulates that property
85 owner consent is not required for clearing operations, only prior notification.
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- 87 - Hon. Angelita Quimbo, from Barangay Arado, requested that DORELCO provide
88 advance notice to barangays before commencing any clearing activities.
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- 90 - Engr. Abrera agreed, assuring the council that DORELCO will notify barangays at
91 least three days prior to scheduled clearing operations. Furthermore, he stated that
92 if barangays identify an urgent need for clearing outside of scheduled operations,
93 they can request the Burauen Sub-Office to schedule immediate clearing
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- 95 3. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 25-13: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING**
96 **AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BARANGAY AGRICULTURE**
97 **EXTENSION WORKER (BAEW) PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF**
98 **BURAUEN, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.**
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- 100 - Hon. Oscar A. Cagara., Chairperson of the Committee on Education, read the
101 "whereas clauses" and sections of Proposed Ordinance No. 25-13.
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- 103 - No question or concern was raised on the proposed ordinance.
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- 105 4. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 25-08: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING**
106 **THE BURAUEN HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER, DEFINING ITS**
107 **PURPOSE, MANDATE, RATES, FEES AND CHARGES, PROVIDING FOR**
108 **OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES THEREOF, AND ADOPTING A "NO-**
109 **BALANCE BILLING POLICY.**
110
- 111 - Hon. Cipriano R. Relatorres, Jr., Chairperson of the Committee on Education, read
112 the "whereas clauses" and sections of Proposed Ordinance No. 25-08.

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- 114 - He stressed that these fees are set at a break-even point, ensuring that the
- 115 municipality can offer quality and accessible health services without seeking profit.
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- 117 - Regarding the No Balance Billing Policy (“NBB”), Hon. Relatorres explained that
- 118 eligible patients will receive covered services at no cost. However, under the
- 119 PhilHealth Konsulta Program, NBB applies only to individuals registered with the
- 120 Bureau Municipal Health Office.
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- 122 - Hon. Max Morbos, representing Barangay Takin in Bureau, sought clarification
- 123 on how residents registered with PhilHealth Konsulta providers outside Bureau
- 124 could avail of the NBB benefits within the municipality.
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- 126 - Mr. Abud explained that PhilHealth's registration process has changed. Formerly,
- 127 enrollment at a specific health facility meant automatic renewal. Now, PhilHealth
- 128 members have the flexibility to select a different Konsulta provider each year.
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- 130 5. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 25-04: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING**
- 131 **ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN (OSAEC)**
- 132 **AND CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE OR EXPLOITATION MATERIALS (CSAEM)**
- 133 **IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUREAU, PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT**
- 134 **NO. 11930, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “ANTI-ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE**
- 135 **AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN (OSAEC) AND ANTI-CHILD SEXUAL**
- 136 **ABUSE OR EXPLOITATION MATERIALS (CSAEM) ACT,” AND**
- 137 **INSTITUTIONALIZING PROGRAMS FOR ITS PREVENTION AND**
- 138 **ERADICATION, PROVIDING PENALTIES, AND PROVIDING FUNDS**
- 139 **THEREFOR.**
- 140
- 141 - Hon. Cipriano R. Relatorres, Jr., Chairperson of the Committee on Children, read
- 142 the “whereas clauses” and sections of Proposed Ordinance No. 25-04.
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- 144 - Mrs. Helen Lomahan, Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer,
- 145 highlighted the role of the barangay, which is to ensure the participation of the
- 146 Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) and the allocation of sufficient funds from the SK
- 147 funds and resources for the initiatives against OSAEC and CSAEC at the barangay
- 148 level.
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- 150 - Mrs. Lomahan also clarified that the ordinance extends to cases involving adults
- 151 who are digitally altered or presented to appear as children. As an example, she
- 152 cited the manipulation of a child's photo to replace their face with that of an adult,
- 153 which would fall under the ordinance's purview.”
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- 155 6. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 25-10: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING**
- 156 **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11313, ENTITLED, “AN ACT DEFINING GENDER-**
- 157 **BASED SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN STREETS, PUBLIC SPACES, ONLINE,**
- 158 **WORKPLACES, AND EDUCATIONAL OR TRAINING, INSTITUTIONS,**
- 159 **PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES”, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE**
- 160 **“SPACE SPACES ACT” AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND**
- 161 **REGULATIONS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR FOR LOCAL**
- 162 **IMPLEMENTATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUREAU, PROVINCE OF**
- 163 **LEYTE.**
- 164
- 165 - Hon. Cipriano R. Relatorres, Jr., Chairperson of the Committee on Children, read
- 166 the title and sections of Proposed Ordinance No. 25-10.
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- 168 - Mayor Juanito E. Renomeron raised a question regarding the distinction between
169 offenses under the Sexual Harassment Law and the Safe Spaces Act.
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171 - Hon. Relatorres clarified that the Safe Spaces Act was enacted because the existing
172 Sexual Harassment Law did not address instances where the alleged acts were
173 committed by individuals without moral ascendancy over the complainant, or when
174 those acts occurred outside of educational institutions or workplaces. Crucially, the
175 Safe Spaces Act expands coverage to include gender-based sexual harassment
176 committed by anyone, regardless of their position or relationship to the victim, even
177 without moral ascendancy. Therefore, the Safe Spaces Act broadened the scope of
178 protection, explicitly covering gender-based sexual harassment in public spaces,
179 online, and in other settings not previously addressed by the Sexual Harassment
180 Law. It aims to create a more comprehensive legal framework to ensure safety and
181 prevent harassment in all environments.
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183 7. **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 25-05: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE**
184 **CHILD PROTECTION POLICY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURAUEN,**
185 **PROVIDING FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND PENALIZING**
186 **VIOLATIONS THEREOF**
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188 - Hon. Cipriano R. Relatorres, Jr., Chairperson of the Committee on Children, read
189 the “whereas clauses” and sections of Proposed Ordinance No. 25-10.
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191 - No question or concern was raised on the proposed ordinance.
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194 **V. ADJOURNMENT**
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- 196 - There being no more matters to be discussed, the public hearing for the
197 aforementioned ordinances was adjourned at 4:15 o’clock in the afternoon.
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **Municipal Ordinance No. 25-12**, Series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Burauen, Leyte, entitled, ***“An Ordinance Adopting the Child Protection Policy of the Municipality of Burauen, Providing For Its Implementation, and Penalizing Violations Thereof”***, was enacted on March 17, 2025, approved on even date, and has been posted in two (2) conspicuous and publicly accessible places of the municipality from *March 19, 2025 to April 8, 2025*, in compliance with Section 59, paragraph (b) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991”.

Burauen, Leyte, April 14, 2025.


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